

REMARKS**I. Examiner Telephone Interviews**

Examiner To is thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during telephone interviews on March 18, 2004, and March 26, 2004. During the March 18, 2004 interview, Examiner To suggested the instant amendments to distinguish over the references on which the pending 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections are based. Applicant's attorney respectfully submitted that the previous amendment placed the claims in condition for allowance, but would nevertheless file the present amendment in the interest of bringing prosecution to a close. Accordingly, the instant amendment is not to be construed as an admission that the previously pending claims were not allowable over the cited art; rather, the present amendment is submitted only to bring prosecution of the instant case to a close. Applicant's attorney also requested that U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,308,201 and 6,516,327, previously cited by Examiner Pham during a telephone interview on November 21, 2003, be made of record.

On March 26, 2004, Examiner To called the undersigned and stated that the present amendment appeared to place the claims in allowable condition, but upon entry of the amendment he would conduct another search before issuing a Notice of Allowance to confirm that the claims were allowable.

Accordingly, Applicant's attorney respectfully requests entry of the present amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

II. Amendment

Each independent claim has been amended to better define the synchronization parameter terms, and to better define the location(s) of the synchronization parameters with respect to the first and second databases as requested by the Examiner.

These amendments clarify the currently pending claims by explicitly stating that the claimed synchronization parameters are host synchronization parameters and device synchronization parameters, and are indicative of the versions of data records stored at different respective locations, e.g., one or more host systems and one or more portable communication devices, respectively, or at first and second databases. Furthermore, these amendments further define the location of the synchronization parameter pairs, i.e., the respective pairs are stored at respective databases.

For these reasons, and for the same reasons given in the Applicant's previous Reply dated November 25, 2003, the Applicant respectfully submits that the cited art, either alone or in combination, do not disclose, teach or suggest all of the elements of any of currently pending independent claims 1, 11, 17, 18, 25, or 27.

No new matter is added by this amendment. Support may be found in the specification at page 11, lines 6-19; page 12, lines 3-6; lines 16-22; page 15, line 13 - page 16, line 8; page 16 line 15 - page 17, line 2; page 18, line 16 - page 21, line 14; page 22, line 1 - page 24, line 13; and the figures referenced in the cited passages from the specification.

IV. Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response to Jones Day's Deposit Account No. 501432, ref: 555255-012123.

Respectfully submitted,

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